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# Resolution to Endorse the CUNYUFS-FCCC-SUNYUFS Joint Statement on Civil Discourse and Campus Climate

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Supersedes Res #: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: Dr. Heidi Macpherson, College President

FROM: The College Senate: **04/17/17**

RE: **→** I. Formal Resolution (*Act of Determination*)  
II. Recommendation (*Urging the Fitness of*)  
III. Other, For Your Information (*Notice, Request, Report, etc.*)



SUBJ: **Resolution to Endorse the CUNYUFS-FCCC-SUNYUFS  
Joint Statement on Civil Discourse and Campus Climate**  
(#76\_16-17EC)

Signed: [Signature] Date: 6/19/2017  
(Sharon Lubkemann Allen, 2016-17 College Senate President)

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TO: Dr. Sharon Lubkemann Allen, College Senate President

FROM: Dr. Heidi Macpherson, College President

RE: **→** I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle choice)  
a. Accepted - Implementation Effective Date\*\*: Immediately  
\*\*Implementation of resolution requires final approval from SUNY- State  
Education Department. YES X NO

Signed: [Signature] Date: 6/14/17  
(Dr. Eileen Daniel, Vice Provost, The College at Brockport)

- b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II, III. Response to Recommendation or Other/FYI

- a. Received and acknowledged \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
b. Comment:

Signed: [Signature] Date: 7/17/17  
(Dr. Heidi Macpherson, President, The College at Brockport)

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**COLLEGE SENATE OFFICE**  
**RESOLUTION PROPOSAL COVER PAGE**  
**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 28**  
 Incomplete proposals will be returned and proposals received after the deadline may not be reviewed until next semester.

<b>Routing Number</b> <i>Routing # assigned by Senate Office</i> 2014-2015	<b>#76_16-17EC</b> <i>Use routing number and title in all reference to this proposal.</i>
<b>This Proposal Replaces Resolution</b>	

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use committee guidelines available at [brockport.edu/collegesenate/proposal.html](http://brockport.edu/collegesenate/proposal.html).
- Prepare ONE complete document in **Word format**: include this proposal cover page, proposal, attachments and support letters from your department chair and dean if applicable.
- **Locate the Resolution # and date this proposal will replace at our "Approved Resolutions" page on our Web site.**
- Email completed proposal to [senate@brockport.edu](mailto:senate@brockport.edu). (General Education Proposals and questions go to [dlamphro@brockport.edu](mailto:dlamphro@brockport.edu) in the Vice Provost's Office first.)
- Make revisions on the paperwork emailed to you from the Senate office that shows the assigned routing number on top. Submit updated document to [senate@brockport.edu](mailto:senate@brockport.edu).
- Questions? Call the Senate office at 395-2586 or the appropriate committee chairperson.

1. **PROPOSAL TITLE:** Please be somewhat descriptive, ie. *Use a course number and/or title, indicate if for GED code, etc.*

Resolution to Endorse the CUNYUFS/FCCC/SUNYUFS  
 "Joint Statement on Civil Discourse and Campus Climate"

2. **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:**

This resolution echoes the University Faculty Senate's Endorsement on January 21, 2017 of the CUNYUFS/FCCC/SUNYUFS "Joint Statement on Civil Discourse and Campus Climate"  
<http://system.suny.edu/media/suny/content-assets/documents/faculty-senate/winter-2017/Joint-Statement-on-Civil-Discourse-and-Campus-Climate-Old-Westbury-Jan-2017.pdf>

3. **WILL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AFFECTING BUDGET BE NEEDED?**   x   NO      YES EXPLAIN YES

4. **DESCRIBE ANY DATA RELATED TO STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT USED AS PART OF THE RATIONALE FOR THE REQUESTED SENATE ACTION.**

n/a

5. **HOW WILL THIS AFFECT TRANSFER STUDENTS:**

n/a

6. **ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Immediately

7. **SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES:** PLEASE DATE ALL REVISED DOCUMENTS TO AVOID CONFUSION.

<i>First Submission</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>
03/24/2017			

8. **SUBMITTED BY: (contact person)**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
Dr. Sharon Lubkemann Allen, College Senate President	College Senate Executive Committee	585.395.2586 585.395.5828	<a href="mailto:Senate@brockport.edu">Senate@brockport.edu</a> <a href="mailto:SenPrez@brockport.edu">SenPrez@brockport.edu</a>

9. **COMMITTEES: (Senate office use only)**

Standing Committee	Forwarded To	Dates Forwarded
<u>  x  </u> Executive Committee	Standing Committee	3/24/17
<u>    </u> Enrollment Planning & Policies	Executive Committee	3/27/17
<u>    </u> Faculty & Professional Staff Policies	Senate	4/3/17, 4/17/17
<u>    </u> General Education & Curriculum Policies	Passed GED's go to Vice Provost	6/14/17, 6/19/17
<u>    </u> Graduate Curriculum & Policies	College President	7/17/17
<u>    </u> Student Policies	OTHER	
<u>    </u> Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies	REJECTED -WITHDRAWN	

NOTES:

Resolution #34

**Resolution to Endorse the “Joint Statement on Civil Discourse and Campus Climate”  
issued by the CUNY University Faculty Senate,  
SUNY Faculty Council of Community Colleges, and  
SUNY University Faculty Senate**

**WHEREAS** The College at Brockport has long been committed to civil discourse within and reaching beyond the bounds of the Campus, as denoted in the “Better Community Statement” developed decades ago and reaffirmed in the past several years by the College Senate, Student Assembly, College Administration, and many individual faculty, staff, students, and alumni; and

**WHEREAS** this past fall the Executive Committee of the College Senate endorsed and published a statement individually signed by several hundred faculty and staff at the college, attesting

*We, the undersigned, faculty and staff at The College at Brockport, come together across disciplines, departments, and professional units at the College, across diverse political orientations and ideologies, to publicly embrace a learning, working, and living environment in which every person is safe, respected, and included. In response to the intensification of intolerance and intimidation on college campuses across the nation, we will continue to actively foster a learning environment in which students, faculty and staff of every race, ethnicity, origin, citizenship, class, gender, sexuality, ability, religion, and age can fully engage without fear in the exchange and exploration of ideas. We share a faith in the value of inclusive public education, recognizing that our collective pursuit of intellectual, creative, and professional excellence is strengthened by our diversity. We want our students, our colleagues, and the larger community to know that we are committed to cultivating an interconnected community marked by transformative engagement, civil dialogue, intercultural understanding, critical inquiry, and creative collaboration for the common good.*

*We reaffirm our commitment to guiding principles of integrity, civility, and justice as articulated in The College at Brockport's "Better Community Statement" (<https://brockport.edu/about/diversity/whatwearedoing.html>).*

**WHEREAS** faculty, staff, students and alumni have independently and collaboratively initiated and sustained efforts to cultivate a campus culture within which all students, faculty and staff, alumni and visitors, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, nationality or national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, political or ideological perspectives, are able to live and learn safely, engaging in mutually enriching critical inquiry and creative expression;

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the College Senate, representing the Faculty and Professional Staff of The College at Brockport, State University of New York, endorses the following “Joint Statement on Civil Discourse and Campus Climate” issued by the CUNY University Faculty Senate, SUNY Faculty Council of Community Colleges, and SUNY University Faculty Senate:



**CUNY University Faculty Senate, SUNY Faculty Council of Community Colleges, and  
SUNY University Faculty Senate  
Joint Statement on Civil Discourse and Campus Climate**

The SUNY Faculty Council of Community Colleges, the CUNY University Faculty Senate, and the SUNY University Faculty Senate affirm their commitment to foster campus climates that equitably support the diversity that is inherent in our modern, pluralistic society. Our academic communities depend on critical inquiry and the free expression of diverse opinions for the creation of effective and inclusive learning environments. We call upon all members of our academic communities—faculty, staff, and students—to not only engage in, but to encourage, civil discourse that enables the exchange of ideas, however uncomfortable, thus furthering the crucial mission of public higher education to contribute to the greater good.

**Endorsed by the University Faculty Senate  
January 21, 2017**